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FALL QUARTER 2004

COMING EVENTS

- **SEPTEMBER 1**
BROWN BAG LUNCH
- **SEPTEMBER 23**
LUNCH WITH PAUL
BIANCARDI
- **OCTOBER 10 WSU**
THEATRE
- **OCTOBER 10**
DINNER AT JEET
INDIA

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AUG 1 - FALL

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2004-2005 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Our Scholarship Committee,, chaired by **Barbara Eakins-Reed**, has once again selected an outstanding recipient for the 2004-05 WSURA scholarship. In keeping with the WSURA philosophy of selecting a mature and/or returning student, she is **Donna Lorene Bogard** who is the mother of four. She already has completed a career in the Air Force as a Russian linguist for four years followed by nine additional years in the active reserve. Her husband, Dan, a retired military Russian linguist as well, is now employed as a computer programmer.

Donna and Dan's four children include Paul, 20, a computer engineering major at Rose-Hulman Institute and Debra, 18, who will be pursuing a ministry degree at Asbury College in Kentucky next year. She is now in training to become a chaplain's assistant for the Army Reserves. Rebecca, 13, is an eighth grader in Beavercreek whose interests are the trombone, figure skating and Girl Scouts. The youngest, Christina, is starting kindergarten this fall..

Donna is a student in the Middle Childhood Education major in the College of Education and Human Services with concentrations in mathematics and social science where she is maintaining a GPA of about 3.95. Her aspiration is to teach middle school locally during the school year and to volunteer in underdeveloped countries during the summer.

Donna developed a long legacy of service in the years when she was rearing her four children. She serve as a Boy Scout volunteer for four years for her son's troop and has volunteered eleven years and counting for her daughter's Girl Scout troop. Before it closed, she worked in the direct care of at-risk adolescents at the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home. From 1995 to 1999 she worked in the Wright-Patterson AFB's Family Advocacy Program.

One of her most interesting volunteer endeavors was in the summer of 2003 when she traveled to rural area of Russia to work in a children's home there. She states that her knowledge of Russian and her prior direct care experience allowed her to understand the workings of the social service agency to which she was assigned.

Currently, in addition to her studies at WSU, Donna works part-time as the Director of Care Ministries for her church. Her duties including recruiting, training and supervising volunteers who provide support and care for shut-ins, new mothers, disabled and chronically ill persons and others with special needs. Additionally, she works with such outreach ministries as working with the homeless and serving community meals in the local area. As if this weren't enough, she is now training to volunteer with the Greene County teen mentor program for teenage mothers.

Needless to say, WSURA is proud to support this outstanding woman in reaching her goal of becoming a teacher.

AN HONOR FOR LIZ

Our congratulations to **Elizabeth Harden**, former WSURA president, whose alma mater, Western Kentucky University, has named its forensics alumni group in her honor. According to a July 9 press release from WKU, "The award-winning speech and debate group, the school's oldest student organization, has formed an alumni group that bears the name of a 1956 graduate and champion debater. The Western Kentucky University Forensic Team announced today that its new alumni group will be called the Elizabeth McWhorter Harden Forensics Alumni Association."

Many of us know of Liz's accomplishments at WSU as Professor of English and Associate Dean in the College of Liberal Arts, President of the Faculty, and President of WSURA to name but a few, but how many were aware of her equally impressive undergraduate record? To further quote the press release, "Dr. Harden created an outstanding public speaking and debate record in the 1950s. As a freshman, she won the AAUW oratorical contest, Western's only major speech competition for women. She was twice selected as second best speaker in state debating tournaments (1953 and 1954). In 1954, she was elected the first woman president of the Congress Debating Club, formerly open only to Western's male students."

"And in 1955 she made debate history when she and team coach, Raymond Cravens, defeated Harvard University. It was the first occasion in Western's history for a debate contest with an eastern university."

"At the state tournament in 1956,

she was chosen one of the four best in Kentucky and named the best of 44 speakers in Western's first oratorical tournament. In the same year, she was also named Grand National winner in the Women's Division of Original Oration, held at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va. In the spring of 1956, President Thompson selected her to represent the student body at Western's annual KEA breakfast in Louisville; later that year, she represented the student body at High School Senior Day, an event that drew some 3,000 high school seniors from across the state."

Those of us who know Liz can only agree with her own comment, "My speech and debate training at Western was a masterful preparation for my career and my entire life experience. It taught me the importance of language, the power of articulate communication, and enabled me to fulfill my full leadership capabilities."

Deaths

Daniel Elliott, first Chair of the Department of Surgery, School of Medicine. Dan was also an active member of WSU's ILR.

Harry Ertel, Business Education, College of Education and Human Services

Our condolences to WSURA President, **Al Smith**, on the death of his son, **Anthony**, in an automobile accident.

Recuperating

Our best wishes go out to **Rich Johnson**, Human Resources, and an ex officio Board member. He has spent the month of August recuperating in Iowa where he donated a kidney to his brother.

WSU FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Place	Time	Cost	Cut Off Date
1-Sep	Brown Bag Lunch *	219 Rike Hall	12:00-1:00 pm	none	none
23-Sep	Lunch with Paul Biancardi **	Cambiar Dining Room WSU Student Union	11:30 AM	\$4 - 8	20-Sep
17-Oct	Loft Theatre "WAS" ***	Loft Theatre	2:00 PM	\$27	27-Sep
17-Oct	TBA ***	TBA	After Play	TBA	27-Sep

* Bob Batson, WSU Director of Planned Giving, will share some tax suggestions related to planned giving.

** Head Basketball Coach Paul Biancardi will informally discuss the upcoming season.

*** Email Joanne.risacher@wright.edu to make reservations for the play and dinner or, if you have no email, call Joanne at (937) 767-7890. If you cannot attend both, try to join us for one or the other.

"WAS", a musical, is a world premiere production. WAS begins in the 1870's when a newly orphaned young girl named Dorothy Gael is sent to live with her aunt and uncle in the desolate region of Manhattan, Kansas. Jump to the 1980's where Jonathan, a successful actor obsessed with *The Wizard of Oz*, journeys to Kansas desperately searching for some proof of Dorothy Gael's existence.

Save these Dates

January 16 - Sunday Brunch at Truffles

February 13 - A Loft Theatre Production of *The Drawer Boy*

April 14 - A dining out at Eclipse, a new Centerville restaurant.

May 22 - a WSU Theatre Production of *Cabaret*

More Information to Come

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Miami-Ohio State University branch campus that was to become Wright State University. It also marks the tenth anniversary of WSURA. At the August meeting, Board members voted to celebrate both occasions at our annual holiday open house in December. Watch the next newsletter for details. Plan to join us in the celebration of these special milestones.

Directory

The updated WSURA Directory is ready for printing. Members in good standing as of August 1 should be listed and will receive a copy sometime in September. Please call the office if you have not received your copy by October 1.

Congratulations

A special congratulations to Jeri and Walter Knopp who celebrated their forty-ninth wedding anniversary on August 20th.

Once again, the Ohio State University's Retirement Association has invited WSURA members to attend their Fall Conference, the "7th Annual Coping with Change Conference." It is to be held on Tuesday, September 28, at the Fawcett Center on the OSU campus. This conference has been attended by several of our members in the past and has received good reviews each year. It is particularly helpful for those who are in the process of moving from full-time employment to retirement or part-time employment, but everyone who has attended has enjoyed the presentations and the fellowship with retirees from other universities.

The program includes:

Morning session:

"Transitions in Later Life: Implications for Health and Well-Being"

Kristi Williams, Assistant Professor, Sociology, OSU

"Experiencing Real Life Retirement Transitions" Panel moderated by
Dr. Williams with panelist Chuck Ingraham, Ed and Marianne Naber, and Dennis Elliott

Afternoon sessions (concurrent sessions, choose one)

1. Not for Men Only; Exploring Women's Retirement
2. Eastern Meditative Movement for Health
3. Heart Disease: What Have We Learned Nationally and in Ohio
4. Managing Stress During Retirement
5. Evaluating Long-term Health Insurance: Is It Right For You?

The Conference will end with and "Update on Health Care Option and Issues for 2005"

Registration forms and program descriptions are available in the WSURA Office. Call 775-2777 to request a copy. Registrations must be received by September 20. The cost is \$20.00 including lunch. Spouses are welcome. Advise the WSURA office if you are interested in carpooling.

ILR Fall Program

Becky Sommer, WSURA Board member, has been serving as interim Director of the WSU Institute for Learning in Retirement. Director Michele Hiestand left for a full-time position. Becky distributed the fall brochures at the August Board meeting. WSURA members should receive their copies soon. Classes will be held in three locations: the Kettering Center, One Lincoln Park and the Beavercreek Nazarene Church. Courses will cover such topics as financial issues, computers, photography, Iraq, health, antiques, the wetlands, gardening, origami and writing life histories. More information or additional brochures can be obtained by calling the ILR office at 775-1100.

WSU Retirees Honored

WSURA Board member and Sunshine Chair, **Gerry Petrak**, worked with **Rich Johnson**, Human Resources, to develop a list of ten, fifteen, and twenty year and beyond retirees of the university and invited them as special guests at the annual summer picnic. Those who attended or sent personal regrets were presented with a certificate to acknowledge their retirement milestone. This is the list that Gerry and Rich compiled. Please advise the WSURA office if you know of someone who was omitted or if any of the listed honorees are now deceased.

Ten Years

Donald Beckman
Russell Bent
William Brown
Julie Cooper
Larry Crum
Louis Falkner
Cordelia Henderson
Marjorie Hodson
Mary Ann Hoffman
Lois Reibert
Roland Reichel

Fifteen Years

Nina Fannin
Henry Myers

Twenty Years

Mary F. Brown
Robert Guerrant
Carol Hagen
Margaret Moloney
John Ray
Gloria Richardson
Steve Shampton
Robert Silverman
Robert Thobaben
David Todd
Eugene Wade
Margaret Ward

Twenty-five Years

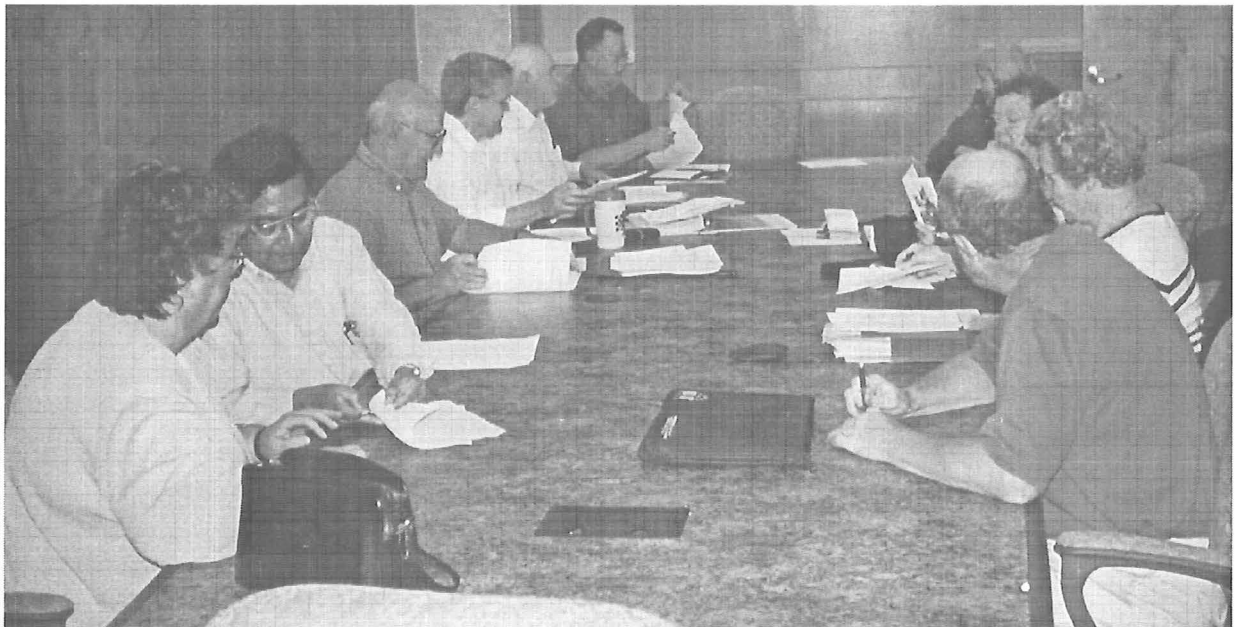
Mary Ann Bennett
Bernadine Berron
Nancy Ferris
Hal Gaddis
Herschel Highley
Mary Johnson
Aaron Stafford
Arline Tomlinson

Thirty or more Years

Neal Cashin
Virgil Devena
Sarah Hilgeman
Edward Kemp
Bonnie Leipart
William Leipart
Albert Miller
Holly Sheffield
Alonzo Stacy
Catherine Stofer



New Board Members Donald Swanson, Becky Sommer, Linda Smith, and Chuck Willis.



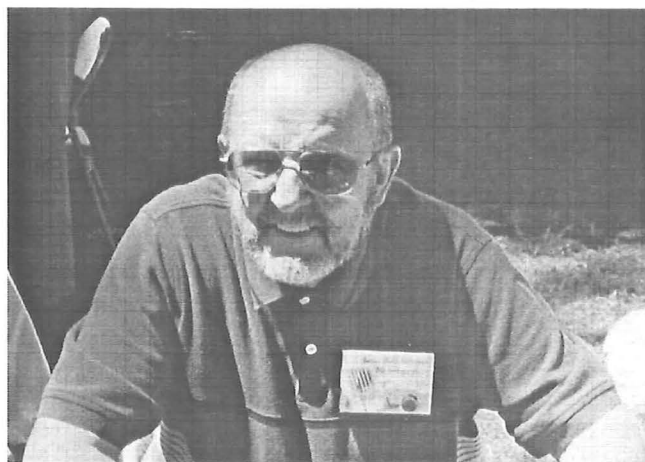
The 2003-2004 Board Members complete their work.



Mary Ann Bennett celebrates twenty-five years of retirement and her ninetieth birthday at the annual picnic.



Eugene Wade accepts a certificate for twenty years of retirement from Gerry Petrak.



Board Member Lou Falkner celebrates ten years of retirement.



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WSURA Membership Form

New _____ Renewal _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Primary Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Wright State Department at Retirement _____ Year _____

Spouse's Department at Retirement _____ Year _____

Email Address _____

Life Membership:

_____ \$125 (ages 69 and below)

_____ \$75 (Ages 70 and above)

*NOTE: If you and your spouse are retirees from WSU, use the age of the younger spouse for determining the Lifetime fee. If you have paid the current annual fee and would like to become a Life Member, subtract the annual fee and remit the difference.

Annual Membership:

_____ \$10

Contribution to WSURA : Amount _____

Associate Membership:

_____ \$5

Eligibility: Fifty years old or older and within five years of eligibility of retirement.

Please fill in the information requested above and send it with your dues (please do not send cash) to:
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